




MEMORANDUM

To: National Interagency Hotshot Crew Operations Guide Holders

From: IHC Sponsor Agency Fire Directors
National IHC Steering Committee

Subject: National Interagency Hotshot Crew Operations Guide

Attached is the updated National Interagency Hotshot Crew Steering Committee Charter. This update is the only change to the National IHC Operations Guide for 2002. Please replace the old charter, found in Appendix F of the National IHC Operations Guide, with the attached update. Thank you.



Director, Office of Fire and Aviation, BLM



National Association of State Foresters



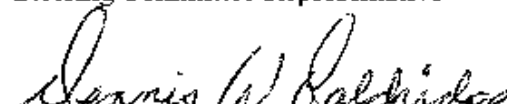
Chief, Branch of Fire Management, BIA



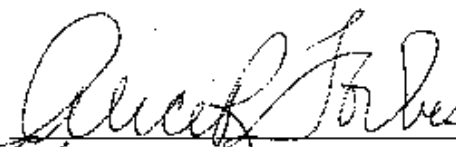
IHC Sponsor Agency Fire Directors
Steering Committee Representative



National Fire Management Officer, NPS



IHC Steering Committee Chair



Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation
Management, USFS

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APPENDIX F
INTERAGENCY HOTSHOT CREW OPERATIONS GUIDE
NATIONAL INTERAGENCY HOTSHOT CREW STEERING COMMITTEE CHARTER

CHARTER AUTHORITY

The National Interagency Hotshot Crew (NHC) Steering Committee will function under the authority of the IHC Sponsor Agency Fire Directors.

MISSION

The National IHC Steering Committee will provide the IHC community, fire managers, and agency administrators a means for proactive problem and issue resolution; will promote safe and effective IHC operations; and will strive to ensure consistent adherence to national fire management policies. Interagency Hotshot Crews are those crews identified in the National Interagency Mobilization Guide as National Shared Resources.

OBJECTIVE

The National IHC Steering Committee will assist fire managers, agency administrators, and the IHCs in the management of the Hotshot Program through solicitation, review, and validation of input and concerns relating to fire operations that are national in scope. The Steering Committee will facilitate the exchange of information between the above groups.

STEERING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

The Steering Committee will consist of 11 standing members to include the following:

One regional or state level fire operations staff member from an IHC sponsor agency, selected by the IHC Sponsor Agency Fire Directors to serve as their representative to the Steering Committee.

One Agency Administrator representative from an IHC host unit, selected by the above IHC Sponsor Agency Fire Directors representative.

One National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) representative, selected by the national fire operations office of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS).

One National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) representative, selected jointly by the national fire operations offices of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and the National Park Service (NPS).

Three IHC Superintendents representing the above Department of Interior agencies.

One representing BLM.

One representing BIA.

One representing NPS.

Four USFS IHC Superintendents selected by the IHC Superintendents in these geographic areas:

One representing the Northern Rockies and Pacific Northwest Geographic Areas;

One representing the Great Basin, Rocky Mountain, and Eastern Geographic Areas;

One representing the California and Alaska Geographic Areas;

One representing the Southwest and Southern Geographic Areas

CHAIRPERSON - a Chairperson and Co-Chair will be elected for a 2-year term from the above individuals. IHC Superintendents shall serve a 4-year term. Others serve at the pleasure of their selecting sponsor. The Steering Committee will meet annually, at a minimum. Meetings will be conducted in the various geographic areas; technical specialists may be invited to participate.

IHC OPERATIONS GUIDE - the Steering Committee will facilitate the process for any IHC Operations Guide revisions under the direction of the IHC Sponsor Agency Fire Directors.

NATIONAL IHC WORKSHOP - the Steering Committee will recommend the need for and timing of National IHC workshops.